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## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

An Appendix including a copy the paper entitled "Bends in optical dielectric guides" is attached following page 22 of this paper.

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